

Somali Piracy

Thesis Statement: Although Somali pirates are still a hindrance to trade off the coast of Africa, they have not been as successful lately, because ship captains have been more cautious and now know how to defend their cargo.



As you can see, pirates are able to attack huge cargo ships with just these small aluminum, or inflatable boats.

Beginning of Piracy

- Most pirates **started as fishermen**
- The piracy we know today started with large vessels dumping waste into the ocean
- As a result of this, Somali fishermen realized that **ransom was very profitable**

Reasons for Decrease in Piracy

- **Captains are trained** to better protect their ships
- There are now **armed security teams** aboard some ships
- National Navies are launching missions to **stop attacks before they happen**
 - There are always 4-7 warships and 2-3 aircrafts in the region at any given time

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